

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 16 and 17 without prejudice. Below is a recitation of the claims and their current status.

1. (Currently amended) A soil sampler liner comprising:  
a relatively rigid liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having one or more reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness.
2. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member is substantially transparent.
3. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member is plastic.
4. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said first thickness is approximately 0.02 inches.
5. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said second thickness is approximately 0.05 inches.
6. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein the width of said one or more reduced areas is approximately 0.2 inches.
7. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein the ratio of said first thickness to said second thickness is approximately 0.4.
8. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said one or more reduced areas extend along the entire length of said liner member.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member has two of said reduced areas.~~

A soil sampler liner comprising:

a liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having two reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member has four of said reduced areas.~~

A soil sampler liner comprising:

a liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having four reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness.

11. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member is tubular.

12. (Currently Amended) A soil sampler liner comprising:

a tubular liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having one or more reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said

wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness,

~~The soil sampler liner of claim 11,~~ said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas defining a generally figure-eight shape when said member is radially compressed.

13. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 11, wherein the inner diameter of said liner member is approximately 2.5 inches.

14. (Original) The soil sampler liner of claim 11, wherein the outer diameter of said liner member is approximately 2.6 inches.

15. (Currently Amended) A soil sampler liner comprising:

a tubular liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having one or more reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness,

~~The soil sampler liner of claim 11,~~ wherein the outer diameter of said liner member is constant at all points along the periphery of said liner member.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)